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Near-Neighbor Search In Pattern Distance Spaces

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the separate amendment sheets prior to substantive examination on the merits.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIGS. 15A-15C, 16B and 16C. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.